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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF STRATHAM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 24, 1869

ALSO, THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

ACCOUNT OF COLLECTOR, ASA E. JEWELL.

Amount of tax committed to him for collection,	$6973 66

COLLECTOR JEWELL'S DISCHARGE.

Paid County tax,	972 68
Selectmen in cash,	5775 78
Non-resident highway tax worked out,	4 23
Abatement of taxes,	40 44
Three per cent discount,	110 80
Collector's services,	69 73
	$6973 66

Stratham, Feb. 24, 1869.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector Asa E. Jewell, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast, well vouched and balanced.

M. F. YOUNG, }
JOHN AYERS, } *Auditors.*

MONEY RECEIVED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Received of the Selectmen of 1867,	$689 22
E. Chase guardian of M. A. Merrill,	16 95
The County Commissioners,	1066 18
The State railroad tax,	388 76
The State Savings bank tax,	252 64
The State Literary fund,	27 00
Smith & Folsom on note,	200 00
Money hired since March 11, 1868,	1320 00
Asa E. Jewell, Collector,	5775 78
Smith & Folsom,	954 87
B. L. Jones,	1 50
	$10,692 90

SELECTMEN'S DISCHARGE.

Outstanding Demands and Sundry Expenses.

Paid S. C. Buzell interest on notes,	$420 00
W. W. Stickney for advice,	1 00
A. J. Hoyt for printing town accounts	25 00
Elisha Chase, services after auditing,	7 25
John F. Wiggin note in full,	107 36
George E. Lane General Statues,	5 00
George E. Lane, collectors, surveyors and other books,	3 29
Abigail A. Chapman on note,	11 98
Charles Holt for services '67,	100 00
DeWitt C. Jewell abatement of tax of '67,	4 50
Eleanor Brewster note in part,	30 00
Nathan B. Jenness note in full,	135 33
Nancy S. Holt note in full,	227 50
C. Holt benefit of farm,	35 00
E. Brewster note in full,	42 02
Mary E. Emery note in part,	25 00
Samuel C. Dixon abatement '67,	7 55
N. B. Jenness note in part,	150 00
E. Chase note in full,	125 92
E. Chase note in part,	25 00
E. Chase note in part,	25 00
C. Holt in part for services in '67,	100 00
Andrew Chase interest on note,	30 00
C. Holt note in part,	50 00
C. Holt for the benefit of farm,	100 00
B. H. Jewett note in part,	130 00
B. H. Jewett interest on notes against the town,	96 00
Joseph Perkins town farm tax in Exeter,	16 55
D. W. Gorham interest on note,	90 00
Addison Wiggin services after auditing,	3 00
Ezra Barker interest on note,	30 00
C. Holt in full for services in '67,	77 00
Sarah B. Wiggin interest on note,	27 00
Andrew Chase note in full,	313 50
E. R. Thompson interest on notes,	25 80
Geo. E Lane two blank check lists,	40
Charles Holt benefit of farm,	15 00
Joseph S. Staples for certificate,	33

Paid Charles Holt benefit of farm,	15 00
J. H. Jones, interest on notes,	21 01
A. L. Mellows certificate,	50
C. Holt benefit of farm,	152 00
Odlin's express to pay State tax,	2 00
Peter Sanborn State tax,	2268 75
C. Holt note in part,	40 00
Andrew Chase interest on note,	30 00
Huldah Jones note in full,	312 00
John T. Smith note in full,	311 65
John W. Marsh note in full,	52 08
Julia Foss interest on note,	6 00
B. H. Jewett note in full,	4 18
C. Holt benefit of farm,	15 00
J. J. Robinson interest on note,	19 10
C. Holt note in part,	35 00
B. H. Jewett note in part,	100 00
Sarah B. Wiggin interest on note,	27 00
Samuel M. Pearson abatement for loss of Cow,	96
Joseph S. Staples postage,	1 89
Joseph S. Staples services as Town Clerk,	14 98
Geo. H. Odell Physicians bill,	85 00
Geo. E. Lane check lists and pens,	46
D. W. Gorham interest on note,	90 00
S. C. Buzell interest on notes,	420 00
Nathan E. Norton for watering trough,	3 00
Nathaniel Wiggin loss of sheep by dogs,	8 00
John O. Wiggin Justices services,	4 00
James Sinclair abatement of poll tax '67 & '68,	6 02
Cushman Prior abatement for 1868,	8 00
Geo. Barker abatement for 1868 and poll for '67,	16 10
Josiah B. Wiggin abatement on tax of '67 and dog,	8 55
John H. Barker abatement on taxes of '67,	6 62
Richard Scammon services as Treasurer and Selectmen's expenses,	19 50
M. F. Young for loss of sheep by dogs,	5 00
M. F. Young and J. Ayers services as Auditors,	4 00
B. F. Clark Justice fees,	1 00
John French abatement of tax '68,	19 20
	$6751 83

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Bracket L. Jones for breaking roads '67 & '68,	8 00
Bracket L. Jones for gravel and sleepers for bridge,	4 00
William S. Yeaton stone for bridge,	2 00
R. B. Smith for breaking roads,	3 01
B. H. Jewett for breaking roads,	1 88
Elisha Chase for breaking roads,	2 37
B. H. Jewett for breaking roads,	6 43
R. B. Smith for breaking roads,	3 50
Benjamin S. Jenness for breaking roads,	20 00
B. F. Clark for breaking roads,	10 81
Albert N. Rollins for breaking roads,	2 22
B. H. Jewett work on highway,	4 62
John French repairs on bridges,	29 85
B. L. Jones for gravel,	3 00
B. L. Jones for breaking roads,	3 00
Richard Scammon " "	6 96
Nathaniel Wiggin " "	7 25
Daniel Wiggin " "	2 00
Hiram Wiggin " "	8 62
John Smart " "	4 81
James W. Rollins " "	2 87
Ira Brown " "	4 14
Samuel H. Dearborn " "	3 16
	$144 50

SCHOOLS.

Paid C. N. Healey for benefit of School District No. 1,	$270 00
James B. Wiggin " " " No. 2,	100 00
Oliver Berry " " " No. 3,	200 00
J. C. Libbey " " " No. 4,	120 00
	$690 00

PRUDENTIAL AND SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE SERVICES.

Paid James Scammon services as Superintending Committee,	$16 00
John O. Wiggin " " "	12 00
C. N. Healey services as Prudential Committee,	3 00

Paid J. B. Wiggin	"	"	"		3 00
James C. Libby	"	"	"	for '67,	3 00
					$3700

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid C. N. Healey	repairs on	school house	No. 1,		12 50
J. B. Wiggin	"	"	"	No. 2,	34 80
Oliver Berry	"	"	"	No. 3,	24 37
J. C. Libbey	"	"	"	No. 4,	122 63
Joseph H. Leavitt	"	"	"	No. 3, '67,	5 60
					$199 90

COUNTY POOR.

Paid for County poor not at the farm,	438 16

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

1868 To Richard Scammon, Dr.

Mar. 11.	To settling with the Selectmen of 1867,	$0 50
" 21.	one half day on town business,	75
" 26.	attending jury meeting,	50
" 31.	going to Mr. Jones,	30
April 1.	one half day at farm and Cram lot,	75
" 9.	one half day examining wood lots and settling bills,	1 00
" 10.	preparing book for making assessments,	1 00
" 13.	day and evening making assessments,	2 00
" 15.	going to E. Chase's, town farm and settling with county,	1 25
" 25.	going to Mr. Jones on town business,	50
" 28.	going after money to pay note of the town	50
" 30.	making and recording taxes,	8 00
" 30.	making return of inventories of '67 & '68 to Sec. of State,	1 00
" 30.	making return to State and County Treasures,	50
May 6.	one day in session,	1 50
" 7.	paying county bills,	50
" 13.	going to farm to pay N. B. Jenness,	25
" 14.	paying county bills,	50
Aug. 7.	furnishing provision and groceries for J. Brown,	50
" 16.	furnishing provision and groceries for J. Brown,	50

"	21.	going after money and paying bills,	75
"	25.	paying county bills,	50
Sept.	4.	paying county bills,	50
"	23.	going to J. H. Jones,	50
Oct.	16.	making check lists and warrants and posting the same,	1 50
"	17.	paying county bills,	50
"	27.	attending jury meeting,	50
"	28.	going to town farm to get acc't of county poor,	50
"	31.	session at Post Office on check lists,	50
Nov.	5.	going to Newmarket to get certificate, and to J. O. Wiggins,	1 50
"	6.	preparing county bill and settling the same at Portsmouth,	2 50
"	7.	paying county bills,	50
"	25.	making appointment of Sup. School Committee,	25
"	26.	going to Post Office on town business,	33
Dec.	11.	examining wood lots on town farm one half day,	75
"	12.	paying county bills,	50
"	14.	revising jury box,	50
"	15.	going to Exeter to see Smith & Folsom,	50
"	16.	one day on sale of wood lot,	2 00
1869.			
Jan.	6.	attending jury meeting,	50
"	20.	going to farm to get account of Co. poor,	50
"	28.	preparing and settling county bills,	1 50
Feb.	14.	paying county bill,	50
"	16.	making check lists and warrants and posting the same,	2 25
"	17.	one evening in session,	75
"	19	going to Exeter to pay interest on notes,	50
"	20.	one day at farm to get account of the same,	2 00
"	24.	day and evening auditing accounts,	2 50
			$48 38

Received Payment,

R. SCAMMON.

TOWN OF STRATHAM

1868, To JOHN O. WIGGIN, DR.

April	1,	To half day at town farm, and Cram lot,	$1 00
	3,	6 and 8, to three days taking inventory,	6 00
	9,	To half day examining real estate,	1 00
	11,	" " wood lots,	1 00
	13,	To one day and evening preparing inventory book,	2 50
May	6,	" in session,	2 00
	12,	appointing Surveyors and distributing books,	3 00
Nov.	27,	To Scammon's and Jones' on business,	50
Dec.	11,	" on business,	50
	14,	To revising Jury box,	50
	16,	one day at farm selling wood lot,	2 50
1869.			
Jan.	6,	Jury meeting and other business,	50
Feb.	17,	one evening in session,	1 00
	20,	one day at farm,	2 00
	23,	Mr. Young's and Ayers,	50
	24,	one day and evening auditing,	2 50
			$27 00

Received Payment,

JOHN O. WIGGIN.

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

1868. To BRACKETT L. JONES, DR.

March	21,	To town farm,	1 00
	26,	attending Jury meeting,	50
April	3,	6 and 8, to three days taking inventory,	6 00
	8,	To Mr. Scammon's and Town Clerk's,	1 00
	9,	examining wood lots,	1 00
	10,	making assessment,	2 50
	28,	Portsmouth and post office,	2 00
May	8,	one day in session,	2 00
Oct.	17,	posting warrants,	50
	27,	attending Jury meeting,	50
	31,	session at post office on Check list,	50
Nov.	27,	appointing Superintending School Committee,	50
	28,	repairing bridge,	1 50
Dec.	14,	revising Jury box,	50
	16,	one day at town farm to sell wood lot,	2 00

1869.			
Jan.	6,	attending Jury meeting,	50
Feb.	17,	one evening in session,	50
	20,	one day at town farm,	2 00
			25 00

Received Payment,

BRACKETT L. JONES.

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding demands and sundry expenses,	$6,751 83
Highways and Bridges,	144 50
Schools,	690 00
School Committees,	37 00
Repairs on Schoolhouses,	199 90
County Poor,	438 16
Selectmen's bills,	100 38
Cash in the Selectmen's hands,	2,331 23
Total,	$10693 00

STRATHAM, FEB. 24, 1869.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast, well vouched and a balance of twenty-three hundred and thirty one dollars and twenty-three cents in their hands.

M. F. YOUNG, }
JOHN AYERS, } *Auditors.*

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Notes held against the town, Feb. 24, amount to	$21,205 94
For schools, Supt. of the town farm, soon due,	670 00
	$21,875 94

MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Cash in the Selectmen's hands,	$2,331 23	
Notes due the town,	1,368 00	
		$3,699 23
Amount of town debt,		$18,176 73
Deducting, as heretofore, the sum due the town,		2,400 00
From the State for State Bouuties paid by the town the debt would be		$15,776 73

TOWN FARM.

Expenditures,	$1,140 02
Superintendent and help,	277 00
	$1,417 02
Receipts,	$1,003 11
Timber sold from farm,	1,300 00
Supplies furnished sundry persons,	61 80
For county poor on farm,	470 78
	$2,835 69
Received from the farm above exdenditures,	$1,418 67

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Mary F. Hobbs, teacher. The management of this school was very satisfactory. Its deportment and general progress were worthy of commendation, and the recitations characterized by promptness. The system of discipline followed though firm, was none too much so to ensure success. Marked improvement was especially observable among the reading classes.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Sarah G. Stevens, teacher. The condition and progress of this school during the first half term were quite unacceptable; the proper kind of discipline seemed to be wanting. During the latter part of the school, however, plans of amendment were adopted, so that at the close a tolerable degree of improvement was exhibited. A more hearty cooperation of parents and teacher, would have secured a better school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

E. Jennie DeRochmont, teacher. Miss DeRochmont found this school in an extremely bad condition. Incompetent teachers during some previons terms had rendered her task a difficult one; but she soon won the respect and esteem of her pupils, and a good measure of advancement both in scholarship, and deportment resulted.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Adeline A. Lane, teacher. Miss Lane is an efficient teacher. Though her school was small in numbers, she succeeded in awakening the enthusiasm of her scholars, and fully sustained her previous reputation as a successful teacher. Good progress was observable in the several branches taught. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SCAMMON, *Supt. School Committee.*

Stratham Feb. 3, 1869.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—WINTER TERM.

Taught by Mr. J. P. Sanborn.

Mr. Sanborn is emphatically "apt to teach." His school in method, discipline and improvement was first rate, and the people of the district were fortunate in securing his services.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Taught by Mr. J. M. E. Drake.

Mr. Drake succeeded well. Good order was maintained and marked improvement made. This teacher has the faculty of imparting knowledge in such a manner as to make it both intelligible and attractive to his pupils. It was a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Taught by Miss E. Jennie DeRochemont.

Your committee is very sorry to be obliged to report this school, as sadly wanting in discipline. Miss DeRochemont is a lady of pleasing address and fine education, but she evidently undertook a a task too great in accepting the place of teacher in a school requiring the highest order of executive talent.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Taught by Mr. David M. Wiggin.

This school appeared very well. There are but few scholars, and they have made good progress in their studies. We found in this school a more thorough scholar in arithmetic and grammar than in any other school.

I find that 22 years ago, as your committee, I introduced into our schools Greenleaf's Arithmetic, and remarked at the time that it would stand at the head of all other arithmetical text books for years. It seems that it has, and now in the judgment of your committee it should be laid aside, and Eaton's series be adopted as best suited to the times. In arrangement it is logical, precise in statement, and its problems practical. I have also examined Guyot's Geographical text books, and believe them to be the best ever published. I hope to see them introduced into our schools the present year. Both series may be obtained very cheaply, and the old books turned in, in part payment therefor. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN O. WIGGIN, *Sup. Committee from Nov.* 1868.

TABLE OF STATISTICS, &c.

Districts,	1.	2.	3.	4.	Total.
Weeks kept in Summer,	16	14	14	15 2-5	59 2-5
Weeks kept in Winter,	13	14	16	16	59
Number of Scholars in Summer,	42	43	29	12	126
Number of Scholars in Winter,	33	39	38	19	129
Average attendance in Summer,	35	30	24	9	98
Average attendanee in Winter,	30	35	30	14	109
Wages of Male Teachers per Month,	45	40	–	37	–
Wages of Female Teachers per Month,	24	20	28-35	22	–
Amount of Income from Literary Fund,	–	–	–	–	27
Am't of School money raised by Towns,	–	–	–	–	$1,053
Whole amount of School Money,	–	–	–	–	1,080
Visits by Superint'g School Committee,	5	6	6	4	21
Visits by Prudential Committee,	1	2	2	1	6
Visits by Citizens and others,	90	82	60	13	245

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

Sargent's Standard Readers; Sargent's Speller; Brown's and Kerl's Grammar's; Colton & Fitch's and Cornell's Geography; Colburn, Holbrook's, Emerson's and Greenleaf's Arithmetic; Payson, Dunton & Scribner' Penmanship.

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